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Shawn Marie Story joined the Office of Legislative Counsel in 2005 after specializing in litigation in federal and state courts. Her varied areas of practice included general civil litigation, employment law, workers' compensation, administrative law (civil service boards and the Office of State Administrative Hearings), land use litigation, local government law, family law, and contracts. While in private practice, she served as a certified mediator and was trained in collaborative law. As Deputy Legislative Counsel, Ms. Story continues to utilize her litigation skills and experience she obtained while in private practice by serving as the designated attorney in the Office of Legislative Counsel for litigation and related matters pertaining to the legislative branch.

After receiving her B.A. in philosophy from Emory University, Ms. Story obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University where she was on the Mercer Law Review and chair of the National Convention of Law Reviews. She was awarded a merit scholarship and three American Jurisprudence Awards for obtaining the highest grade in her Legal Writing, Criminal Law, and Sales (Contracts II) classes. Upon graduating, the law school faculty selected Ms. Story to receive the prestigious National Association of Women Lawyers Award as the Outstanding Woman Law Graduate. Additionally, Ms. Story received the faculty awards for Outstanding Achievement in Legal Writing and in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Prior to graduating law school, she served as a student law clerk for Bibb County Superior Court Judge Tommy Day Wilcox and authored *The Practitioner's Guide to Uncertificated Securities under the Revisions to Article 8 in Georgia*, 43 Mercer L. Rev. 927.

Ms. Story is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, all federal district courts in Georgia, the Georgia Supreme Court, and the Georgia Court of Appeals.

During her tenure in the Office of Legislative Counsel, Ms. Story has served as legal staff for numerous Senate Committees (Regulated Industries & Utilities; Reapportionment & Redistricting; Health & Human Services; Special Judiciary; Banking & Financial Institutions; Economic Development; and Science & Technology), House Committees (Regulated Industries; Banks & Banking; Industry & Labor; Economic Development & Tourism; State Planning & Community Affairs; Science & Technology; and Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications), and joint committees (the World Congress Center Authority Overview and the Georgia Technology Authority Overview).